

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Masatake Nukui et al. :  
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For: X-RAY CT SYSTEM AND :  
BEAM-HARDENING POST- :  
PROCESSING METHOD :  
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**RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE**

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In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2005 and pursuant to *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 1435 O.G. 213, please amend the above-identified application as follows.